COVID-19 UPDATE
April 20, 2020

Okanogan County Public Health is reporting 0 new cases today. The total confirmed cases in Okanogan County is 14. Cases are from the following parts of the County:

7	Colville Indian Reservation
5	Methow Valley
1	South County – Malott to Pateros
1	North County – Riverside to Oroville

Public Health is reporting that 13 cases have recovered. Recovering cases are defined as *most symptoms have subsided and the individual is no longer at risk of worsening illness*. While a few cases have recovered completely, many are still recovering and continue to have residual symptoms such as fatigue.

Public Health continues to believe that COVID-19 is circulating undetected in our County. We continue to have limited testing supplies making it so that only people who meet specific criteria are able to be tested. We believe that there are individuals who have COVID-19 but do not meet the testing criteria and thus are not counted in our confirmed case count. Public Health is doing everything we can to acquire additionally testing supplies. Unfortunately there is a national shortage and this not likely to be fixed in the near future.

Remember, just because our numbers are relatively small does not mean there is not still a risk for contracting COVID-19. Please, continue social distancing and adhering to stay home orders.

Reopening After COVID-19

We are all anxious to reopen and get back to normal after COVID-19. But we need to do this cautiously and intentionally in order to avoid a second wave that would overwhelm the healthcare system and put lives at risk. Public Health is in close contact with the other Health Departments around the state and the Governor's office. It is imperative we continue to follow the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order. Officials are looking hard at how to reopen in a safe and responsible way that does not put residents at risk. This may include relaxing some restrictions while keeping others in place.

We know this is not easy. We know this requires sacrifice by all, but some more than others. We know we are doing this to protect our most vulnerable and preserve the healthcare system capacity for those in need. We thank and applaud each of you that is doing your part to stop the spread of COVID-19 during these difficult times.

Check the state's COVID-19 website for up-to-date and reliable info at coronavirus.wa.gov.

Confirmed Cases in Okanogan County
(As of April 20 at 2 pm)
14

Recovering
13

Samples Sent for Testing
438

Negative Test Results
379

Test Results Pending
45

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